
Title: Sermons of Virtue

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Cities, Sages and the
Virtues

Just as the Virtues have been passed to our society, so have some anchors been placed for these Virtues. Each of the Eight Virtues is rooted to one of the Eight Cities of Virtue. By this method, each of these cities bears the responsibility to exemplify and be as a shining example to all of the essence of their own particular Virtue. Unfortunately, we have seen this responsibility fall lapsed and near forgotten.

This is so very sad as it allows for the weakening of the Virtues, which weakens our people and thus our society. This leads to the disarray and chaos that has taken a firm grip in our lands. This leads to many of the problems where the Virtues are no longer seen as the root of our society and the blessings for our lives, our land, and our peoples. This rotting must be more than simply stopped, it must be reversed and the Virtues restored as the pillars upon which our society is built.

Well, the time has come to take the first steps to remedy this situation

and take direct and meaningful steps to restore the Eight Cities of Virtue and thus the Eight Virtues in our lands. It is to this end that the Holy Church of the Virtues will start the reinstitution of the Sages of Virtue. Some might say that perhaps we should seek to reassign the Virtues to new cities to make the task more attainable and thus facing less opposition. It is for those exact reasons why we must not take the path of least resistance.

Instead we must take the more difficult road that the Virtues demand. In order to have Compassion for our society and its future, our children, we must Honor the original assignments of the Cities of Virtue. With Honesty and Humility we must Sacrifice to return the Eight Cities of Virtue to represent their Virtue, each to its own, as Justice would demand. If we are of sufficient Valor, then the Spirituality will return to our lands in the visage of a new age of Virtue. For it is with this renewal of Virtue that our lands will once again be harmonious, thus bringing forth a new order, a Virtuous Order of Light.

To take these bold steps the Holy Church of the Virtues will need people of great strength of character and great resolve of Virtue. These elite few will take forth a Virtue as each takes the assignment as the Sage of one Virtue.

These Sages will be
tasked with bringing the
light of each Virtue back
to the corresponding City
of Virtue. Some of these
tasks shall be more
difficult than others, but
difficulty shall not
dissuade us from
instigating the Renaissance
of the Virtues.

We will need eight
extraordinary people to
face the challenges before
them and never shy away
nor stray from their
chosen path. Only through
a resolute character and
an ever strong will
reinforced with a
determination of a true
Lightbringer will these
few chosen succeed in
restoring the Eight Cities
of Virtue to their full
potential as the shining
jewels upon the lands.
These Eight Sages of
Virtue shall require the
assistance of all of us
to follow them as they
take the lead along the
Path of Light that leads
us to the Virtues.

We are fortunate that
we have four such
Lightbringers who have
volunteered to face the
challenges, the hardships,
the struggles, and to
fight through all
opposition to restore the
Virtues to their rightful
place amongst the Cities
of Virtue. It is with
pride I announce now the
first half of the Sages
of Virtue that will lead
the rebirth of our lands.

The Lady Savhanna as the
Sage of Spirituality shall
restore Skara Brae.
The Lady Lilyth Noir as
the Sage of Justice shall
restore Yew.

The Lady LaBelle
DeCantor as the Sage of
Humility shall restore
Magincia.

The Lord Martin Willow
as the Sage of Honor
shall restore Trinsic.

We are honored and
grateful to these brave
and faithful Lightbringers
for taking up the
challenges to restore
Virtue, one each at a
time. This still leaves us
in need of four more
brave and faithful
Lightbringers to take up
restoring Virtue, one
Virtue at a time.
The remaining positions as
a Sage of Virtue are:

Sage of Compassion who
shall restore Britain.
Sage of Honesty who
shall restore Moonglow.
Sage of Sacrifice who
shall restore Minoc.
Sage of Valor who shall
restore Jhelom.

We realize that these
are not tasks that are
easy. We are fully aware
of the great challenges
presented before each
Sage. We also know that
with each success made
by any one Sage shall in
turn help all the Sages in
restoring the Virtues to
the Cities of Virtue. So
it is with hope and my
blessings that those who
have already taken up the
gauntlet cast before them
go forth to the task of
restoration of our entire
society.

It is my hope that we
will soon have the
remaining four Sages to
join them in the
restoration of what we
have lost. Let us see
that what was lost shall

not remain beyond our grasp. Let us find four more Lightbringers to complete the roles of the Sages of Virtue. Let us find four more Lightbringers to complete the task that will save our lands, peoples, and future.
Possibilities, the Regency

With the start of this New Year, many of us have made resolutions and are looking forward to what we hope are great promises of a new beginning. Already we have seen much turmoil with realignments of alliances, the end of old guilds and the birth of new guilds. These gains, losses, shifts and realignments have spanned from both ends of the spectrum of our society. There have been changes in both the guilds of Light and those of Darkness. But what may be the most important change was that of the resignation of our Regent, Rufus Oryan.

While Regent Rufus Oryan and I had our differences, I respected his steadfast holding to his convictions. I wish him well with his future endeavors and that he will come to realize that Balance can be best served by first serving the Virtues and seeking balance within the Paths of Light. I offer him my assistance and guidance if ever he should request and hope that we can continue to work for the betterment of our peoples.

In the spirit of the betterment of our peoples, what more

important place could we start than the choice of a new Regent? The Regency had been presented with an opportunity to return to the Path of Light, anchoring itself once and for all in the Virtues. The Regency, the governing body of and for our people, has already limited their opportunities by restricting nominations to current Regency Loyalists. Though they speak of wishing inclusion of more within their Brotherhood, the Regency has started poorly by not opening the nominations to all within our society.

But alas, the closed door policy of the few has restrained the voices of the many, including many who may wish to join, or even rejoin the Regency and have looked but for one small token. But this is but one choice, there will be many more soon to be made by the new Regent. I am hopeful that there will be plentiful choices that can return the Regency to Virtue.